

HEBER GILES AND MATILDA NICOL CROOK



Heber Giles Crook was born Sept. 18, 1861 at Heber, a son of John and Mary Giles Crook. He married Matilda Nicol, daughter of Thomas Nicol IV and Joanna Christina Handberg on Dec. 14, 1887. Matilda was born April 18, 1868 in Heber. Their children included LeOra and Edna who died in

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infancy; Hannah Cecelia (Mrs. Warren Jones); John Thomas, married Annie Harvey; Mary (Mrs. Louis Mahoney); Chase Nicol, married Lila Allison; Jennie (Mrs. Wallace Nelson); Dora (Mrs. Walter Fisher) Reed Giles and Blanch. Heber died April 23, 1941 and Matilda died Feb. 12, 1956.

Heber or "Hebe" as he was known, grew up in the West Ward of Heber, learning as a small boy to herd cattle and take care of crops. He also worked as a boy in the Lake Creek sandstone quarry. He helped his parents clear the land of sagebrush and turn it into serviceable farm acreage.

The first year after his marriage, Hebe worked at Park City in James Rasband's butcher shop. He decided he did not care for this work and would rather farm, so he traded his home in Heber and \$5,000 for William Murdock's 160 acre farm in Lake Creek, where he moved with his family.

He came to be known as one of the pioneers in agriculture in Wasatch County. He had grown up with the earth and loved it. He had one of the best kept farms in the valley, and raised fruits and berries of all varieties, and was one of the first men to operate a big orchard. He became very proficient in grafting buds of improved species and varieties of trees into the old trees that had become acclimated to the valley. He also raised grains, hay and many other crops, in addition to his cattle interests. He was also in the sheep business with J. W. Giles.

A very close friendship developed between Heber Crook and Elisha Duke that lasted more than 65 years. The two families and others would go camping in the mountains for two weeks every year, an event which their youngsters keenly looked forward to.

A humanitarian, Heber Crook was always willing to help less fortunate persons, and even in the dead of winter would travel long distances to help those who might be stranded, ill or otherwise needed assistance.

He served in many civic capacities, including a school trustee and director of a water company. He was a member of livestock organizations and served for many years as a volunteer weather observer. He took part in activities of the Center Ward where he was Sunday School superintendent.

He turned his farm over to his boys in 1915 and moved to the Heber First Ward with his wife. Together they spent many hours in temple work, Church activities, and yard and gardening work. They later moved

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into the Matt Clements home in the Second Ward, where they planted trees, flowers, a vegetable garden and had plenty of room for their grandchildren to play.

Matilda, "Tillie," or "Aunt Til" as she was called, learned responsibility early in her life. At the age of nine she would stay with her sister Josephine, whose husband Alva Murdock, worked away from home. One night as she was returning home from her sister's place, she bumped into an old hay rack, bruising her leg badly below the knee. This accident caused her much pain and suffering, and in her later life she had to undergo a series of operations. But through her faith and the power of the priesthood, she was able to retain the use of her leg throughout her life.

As a girl Tillie learned to work around the house. Her mother was a practical nurse and was away from home a lot, so Tillie did much of the work. In the year 1886 she went to White Rocks to live with her sister Josephine, while her brother-in-law managed the Indian Reservation. She returned home in the spring of 1887 to prepare for marriage to Heber, and they were married in the Logan Temple.

After moving to Lake Creek, Matilda took an active part in Church work, teaching classes and conducting the singing. She was a very graceful dancer and taught many young people the various steps. She was also active in Relief Society and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

After her husband's death in 1942 she continued to maintain her home in Heber, though she traveled occasionally to visit her family before her death in 1956. 1095

Cottonwood Spring
Heber, Giles Crook Spring
Joe McPhie Spring

This spring is located North of the old red sandstone home built by Heber Giles Crook. It is or was among some cottonwood trees in a little hollow

willie Murdock
Homesleaded
this hill

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Wndsr, Yrmn

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "x" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

HUSBAND CROOK, Heber Giles (Stockman and Farmer)										Husband CROOK, Heber Giles 1861									
Born 18 Sept 1861 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah										Wife NICOL, Sarah Matilda									
Chr. _____ Place _____										Ward 1. <u>G. G. B.</u>									
Marr. 14 Dec 1887 Place Logan, Cache Co, Utah										Examiners: 2. <u>B. O. K.</u>									
Died 23 April 1941 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah										Stake or Mission Wells Stake									
Bur. 26 April 1941 Place Heber Cem, Wstch, Utah										NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING RECORD									
HUSBAND'S FATHER CROOK, John										CROOK, John Thomas									
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____										1879 South 6th East									
HUSBAND'S MOTHER GILES, Mary										S-LK City, Utah									
WIFE NICOL, Sarah Matilda										FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE									
Born 18 April 1868 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah										CROOK, John Thomas									
Chr. _____ Place _____										RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND									
Died 12 Feb 1956 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah										Son									
Bur. 15 Feb 1956 Place Heber Cem										Son									
WIFE'S FATHER NICOL, Thomas										RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE									
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____										Son									
WIFE'S MOTHER HANDBERG, Johannah Christina										Son									
TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA										Son									
BAPTIZED (DATE)										ENDOWED (DATE)									
HUSBAND										SEALED (Date & WIFE TO HUSBAND)									
6 Aug 1871										14 Dec 1887									
WIFE										L T									
24 Oct 1876										14 Dec 1887									
11 Sept 1897										23 Jun 1920									
17 Aug 1901										15 Apr 1912									
17 Aug 1901										18 Aug 1915									
21 Aug 1904										1 Mar 1916									
Child										Child									
4 Aug 1907										BIC									
4 July 1909										28 June 1922									
Child										Child									
15 Feb 1916										BIC									
5 Oct 1918										BIC									

SOURCES OF INFORMATION										OTHER MARRIAGES										NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS									
From the family record of John Crook now in possession of Mary C Mahoney Heber, Utah										#10 Blanche MD (2) 20 Aug 1946 EVANS, David Lamar										#10 Blanche (div) from MATHEWS, Bert									

Heber & Crook worked
@ ^{Butcher} Kasband Shop
in Park City
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